Drug Education For Youth (DEFY) Overview Brief

DEFY is a catalyst for increasing community participation and commitment to youth.

DEFY produces 9-12 year-olds who have character, leadership, and confidence to engage in positive, healthy lifestyles as drug-free citizens.

History of DEFY

- 1993
  - -Began at 2 pilot sites
    (NAS Pensacola/NAS Alameda)
- 1996
  - -Department of Justice imported the program for the Weed & Seed sites
- 1999
  - -Department of Air Force imported the program
  - -The program was run at 36 DON and 64 DOJ sites
- 2000
  - -Over 25,000 youth have graduated since 1993

Why is the DEFY Program important to you???

- The Department of the Air Force has adopted the program.
- The cost of operating DEFY will NOT impact your individual commands funding.
- The Leadership of the Air Force enthusiastically backs DEFY.
- DEFY is developed for the Drug Demand Reduction Strategy.

What DEFY Brings

- Program operation funding (Will not impact your Command’s budget)
- Fully developed curriculum and training materials
- Comprehensive program managers guide
- Youth and Staff clothing and equipment
- Staff training (includes travel and per diem)

DEFY Delivers

The Palm Beach Post
15 August 1997

- Leadership & life skills for kids, ages 9-12
  - team-building
  - conflict resolution
  - goal-setting
  - self-confidence
- Deters “at-risk” behaviors: drugs, gangs, alcohol
- Phase I & II curriculum, Trainer and Parental curriculum

Phase I Summer Program

Robins camp starts 17 - 25 June 03 (no camp on Sunday)

- Classroom Education
- Physical Fitness
- Educational Field Trips
- Physical Challenges

Phase II Year Mentoring

- School Year Mentoring
  - Tutoring and Positive Reinforcement
- Activities
  - Group/Cluster Mentoring
  - Interactive Workshops
- Outplacement
  - Civil Air Patrol, Big Brother/Sister, Athletics, Boy/Girl Scouts, etc

Organizational Structure

Department of the Navy	**Department of Justice**	**Department of the Air Force**
DDRTF	EOWS	AF DDR
Base Commanding Officer	Attorney General's Office	Base Commanding Officer
Program Coordinator	Program Coordinator	Program Coordinator
Camp Director	Camp Director	Camp Director

Command Roles and Responsibilities

- Follow the MOU
- Leadership support of DEFY
- Staffing
- Commitment

Results

- Resistance Skills
- Social Behavior
- Conflict Resolution
- Gang Attitudes
- Self-Confidence
- Alcohol Attitudes
- Smoking Attitudes
- Drug Knowledge

showed measurable, positive outcom

*Pennsylvania State University Study

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Camp participants enjoyed marching in formation.
2Lt Hawkins

DEFY participates show respect for the flag during

a ceremony at Airman Leadership

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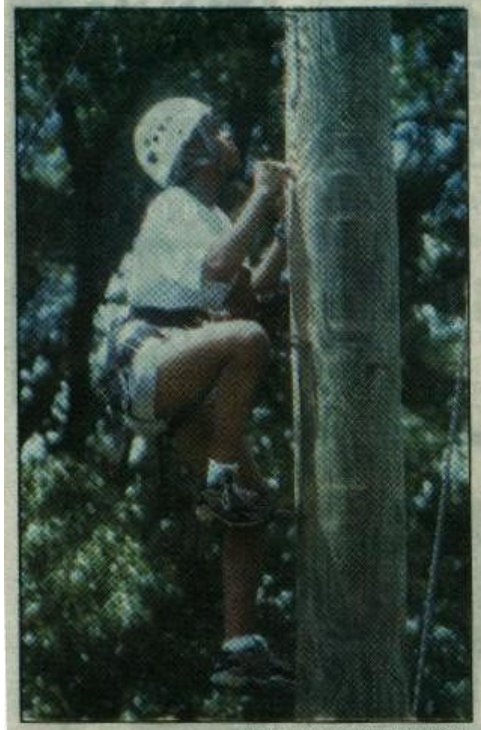
We received outstanding support for volunteer mentors

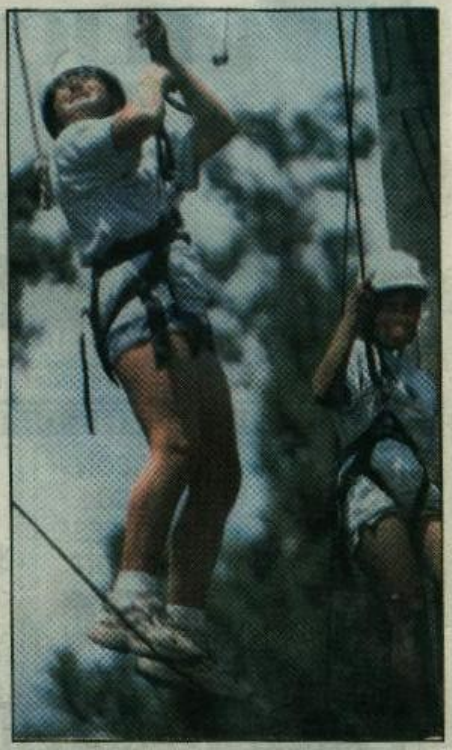
from Robins AFB active duty personnel and



U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp

DEFY camper, Ariel Hendricks, climbs a pole to begin a ropes course.

Above, Madonna Baker, with the Macon Police Department, mediates a "mock" conflict between Reginald Thomas, left, and Curtis Jennings. Below, camper Jennifer Then participates in a classroom discussion at the youth center during the DEFY camp.



Ariel Hendricks, right, and Samantha Winans work their way through the ropes course.

Teaching children to DEFY

Drug Education for Youth summer camp helps students stay on the right track

Article by Robins Rev-up

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DEFY participants using teamwork to cross high ob
during ropes course.

We Made it!

WHO CAN APPLY?

- All children between the ages of 9 - 12. Must be a dependent of active duty, retired military or Civil service employee.
- Cost? FREE!!

HOW DO YOU ENROLL YOUR CHILD?

- Pick up application at Demand Reduction Office in Bldg. 207, Section C (0730 - 1400)
  - Application must be completed and turned in by 21 May 04 (at same location)
  - Parent Orientation 27 May 04, 1630, Bldg. 207
- Criteria
  - Active Duty, Retiree or Civil Service Employee dependents are eligible